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Expelled Jesuit cites U.S.-Vatican 'plot'

MANAGUA — Education Minister Fernando Cardenal, expelled from the Jesuit order for refusing to give up his government post, suggested Tuesday that the Vatican and the Reagan administration were working together against the Sandinista regime. Cardenal, a Roman Catholic priest, said, "I see with sadness that there is great coincidence in a CIA manual against Nicaragua and the position of the Vatican, to launch a defamation campaign that there is religious persecution in my country," Cardenal said.